

Leicester, August 11. '65.

Dear friend Webb,

I am wanting to send the enclosed, in acknowledgement of a contribution to the Freedmen's Aid Socy; and will thank you to post it, (mail it, as we say,) & to correct the address if correction be needed. - I had a short but very pleasant note yesterday from Mary Estlin & E. Wigham, both together at the ~~time~~ time of writing at the latter's house. I am very glad Mary E. has had the journey into Scotland, & trust it will prove a benefit to her health. - I beg to say to you that, so long as I live & am capable, I hope you will always send freely to me for any service I can render you here. Do not think I am less ready than before; & if it is more convenient to send "Standard" money through my hands, pray do so. I can readily make it over to Mr. Boardman, or "Fread" of the Am' Socy, whose office is in Boston. - I am trying still to get for Alfred the Autograph of Mr. Lincoln. I am surprised to find how scarce they are. I don't believe he often wrote that kind of notes, letters, &c. which are worth to go into autog. collecting. Who can be the author of an English book called The Gentle Life, published in London by Sampson Low, &c. It is most caustically & Garrisoned in the "Atlantic Monthly" for August. It is (the book) reference to America are perfectly silly.

I have got for you, - & have had for many a
~~lot of the~~ Liberator you wanted to fill out &
let, or as many as the office can now furnish. I
applied thrice to the "Standard" office, to get the
of that paper, but do not get them yet. I have
also asked the parties you named, long since, for
photographs for Prof. Lawrence, &c. but do not yet
get them. I have not lost sight of it, & do not
give up my hope of fulfilling your request. -

We are daily expecting G. Thompson to make
a visit. He is now in Vermont, where he has
been giving one or more Addresses before Literary
Societies, &c. at the Annual Commencement
of Middlebury College. He is not very well,
fear from what I hear, that his business operations
in this country are not likely to prove lucrative.
family are as well as usual - My own health
My son Edw. keeps very well. My younger son
has suffered a good deal from fever & ague brought
home from Virginia. He is however at his business
as usual now.

With kindest regards

Yours

Sam'l May Jr.

Pray excuse haste & (I dare say) blunder.
(I enclose stamps for postage.)